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**MEDIA ADVISORY: Museum of History to Celebrate 115th Birthday  
By Honoring Founder Fred Olds**

**WHAT:** To celebrate its 115th birthday, the North Carolina Museum of History staff will honor founder Frederick Augustus Olds by laying a wreath at his grave in Historic Oakwood Cemetery.

**WHEN:** **Tuesday, December 5, 2017**  
10 a.m. Processional from North Carolina Museum of History to Historic Oakwood Cemetery  
10:15 a.m. Wreath-laying; remarks by a museum representative will follow

**WHERE:** North Carolina Museum of History  
5 E. Edenton Street, Raleigh, NC 27601

Historic Oakwood Cemetery  
701 Oakwood Ave, Raleigh, NC 27601

**DETAILS:**

The North Carolina Museum of History was founded on December 5, 1902, when a private collection of artifacts gathered by Frederick Augustus Olds was merged with the State Museum's collection and opened to the public as the Hall of History. Over its 115-year history, the museum has grown and evolved—not just with a new name and different locations, but also with celebrated exhibits, educational tools, digital collections, and more.

On Tuesday, December 5, 2017, the North Carolina Museum of History will honor Olds by laying a wreath at his grave in Oakwood Cemetery. The wreath-laying will take place at 10:15 a.m. A museum representative will make remarks afterward.

To schedule interviews or for additional information, please contact AK Brinson at 919-807-7943 or [ak.brinson@ncdrc.gov](mailto:ak.brinson@ncdrc.gov).

*\* Event will be cancelled in case of heavy rain.*

#### About the N.C. Museum of History, a Smithsonian affiliate

The N.C. Museum of History is located at 5 E. Edenton Street in downtown Raleigh. Hours are Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. The museum collects and preserves artifacts of North Carolina history and educates the public on the history of the state and the nation through exhibits and educational programs. Each year more than 400,000 people visit the museum to see some of the 150,000 artifacts in the museum collection. The Museum of History, within the Division of State History Museums, is part of the N.C. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.

For information about the N.C. Museum of History, call 919-807-7900 or access [ncmuseumofhistory.org](http://ncmuseumofhistory.org) or follow on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), or [YouTube](#).

#### About the N.C. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources

The N.C. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (NCDNCR) is the state agency with a vision to be the leader in using the state's natural and cultural resources to build the social, cultural, educational and economic future of North Carolina. NCDNCR's mission is to improve the quality of life in our state by creating opportunities to experience excellence in the arts, history, libraries and nature in North Carolina by stimulating learning, inspiring creativity, preserving the state's history, conserving the state's natural heritage, encouraging recreation and cultural tourism, and promoting economic development.

NCDNCR includes 27 historic sites, seven history museums, two art museums, two science museums, three aquariums and Jennette's Pier, 39 state parks and recreation areas, the N.C. Zoo, the nation's first state-supported Symphony Orchestra, the State Library, the State Archives, the N.C. Arts Council, State Preservation Office and the Office of State Archaeology, along with the Division of Land and Water Stewardship. For more information, please call 919-807-7300 or visit [www.ncdcr.gov](http://www.ncdcr.gov).

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